induction of fresh funds by the promoters, merger with the other companies, change of management, provision for working capital and term loans by banks and financial institutions.

Compliants against Regional Director, Eastern Zone of the office of Development Commissioner

1235. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received from Members of Parliament against the Regional Director, Eastern Zone of the office of the Development Commissioner, Handicrafts on account of corruption and vigilance cases;

(b) the action taken on the compliants received; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the deteriorating development work in the Eastern Zone by transferring such officer?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHI RAM RANA): (a) Three.

(b) Alegations levelled against the officer were not proved as per enquiries conducted by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Revival of powerloom industry

†1236. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the deplorable state of pewerloom industry;

(b) what are State-wise details of the closed down powerloom industries; and

(c) what are the details of the schemes formulated for the revival of powerloom industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Textile sector including the decentralized powerloom sector is passing

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

through the general recessionary condition prevailing in international and domestic markets.

(b) As per sample survey carried out in different powerloom concentrated areas of the concerned State during the quarter April-June 2000, the details of the closure position of powerlooms is as follows:

States	Position of powerlooms closure in the quarter ending in June, 2000
Gujarat	5.92%
Karnataka	7.14%
Maharashtra	24.15%
Orissa	1.28%
Punjab	4.32%
Rajasthan	7.77%
Tamil Nadu	8.16%
Uttar Pradesh	35.93%
West Bengal	12.5%

(c) The Government of India has taken the following steps for the development of powerloom sector;

(i) Modernisation of Powerloom industries under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme.

(ii) As the large chunk of powerloom sector is not adequately and properly trained, all the 44 Powerloom Service Centres have been geared to provide training to powerloom workers, consultancy to powerloom owners and other types of technical assistances, including design support and testing facilities. In order to reinforce these PSCs, the Government has started modernisation of 21 PSCs during the 9th five year plan period with an estimated cost of Rs. 16.09 crore. The implementation of this programme is underway.

(iii) To provide support to manufacture world class fabrics, the Government has undertaken a phased plan programme for the upgradation of textile testing laboratories. So far the laboratories of 14 PSCs have been upgraded at a cost of round 11.27 crore.

(iv) The Government is formulating a revised Group Insurance Scheme in consultation with the various State Governments and industries for the benefits of the powerloom weavers.

(v) The workshed scheme for the powerloom weavers is under preparation in consultation with the powerloom concentrations states and concerned industry bodies.

(vi) To encourage the decentralised powerloom sector in the direction of direct exports of its products to quota markets such as USA/Canada/EU, Powerloom Exporters' Entitlement quota system was introduced in 1992. The annual export quota level under the PEE for the sector has been increased to 15% from the current year.

(vii) In order to rationalise the power tariffs for powerloom sector, Ministry of Textiles has taken up matter with the major textile manufacturing states in the country.

Proposals from Gujarat for assistance from NRF

1237. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received from the Gujarat Government during December, 1998;

(b) whether they were for assistance from NRF;

(c) if so, the details of the assistance sanctioned for each proposals; and

(d) the reasons for which no assistance from NRF was sanctioned for any particular proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) No proposal from Government of Gujarat has been received during December, 1998. However, the following two proposals from Government of Gujarat have been received in 1993 for assistance from National Renewal Fund (NRF):